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Brooks Pleases Big Audience

Fred Emerson Brooks came to Niles last night and the assembly room at the local school was crowded with people who came to see if he was as fine an orator as he had been painted.

The verdict of all seemed to be that no printed word was capable of doing the man justice and that those who had missed hearing him had missed the treat of their lives.

Humor and pathos were just the same to Brooks and from the first moment that his kindly face smiled out over the audience, the crowd was his and he led them up and down the gamut of emotion; one moment smiles, the next tears.

Fred Emerson Brooks is certainly in a class by himself. His readings of his own verses proved that not only is he a poet of no little ability but a real orator as well, and his several imitations were excellently rendered.

If the balance of the entertainments that are to be given in this series are as good as the one last night, we all will certainly have got our money's worth.

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REPORT OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT COMMISSION

On December 1st the Industrial Accident Commission reported to Governoriram W. Johnson its transactions for the fiscal year ending June 30. This report covers the Departments of Compensation, Insurance and Safety, with their allied sections, and is accompanied by a full statistical report of 62,211 industrial accidents that occurred in California during 1914. These accidents were divided as follows: deaths 678; permanent injuries 1,252; temporary injuries 60,241.

The Commission points with satisfaction to the large number of acceptances of compensation received from employers in the exempted classes of agricultural and kindred callings and household domestic service. The last report, covering the first six months of 1914, showed that 2,820 employers had filed with the Commission written acceptances of the compensation provisions of the law. During the year ending June 30th last, 4,038 additional acceptances were filed making a total of 6,858. These voluntary acceptances brought many thousands of employees under the benefits of the Workmen's Compensation, Insurance and Safety Act.

It is shown that there has been a change in sentiment concerning the new system and that workmen's compensation is now universally regarded as an equitable method of providing a limited income for those who are hurt while at work, in comparison to the inequities that prevailed under employers' liability.

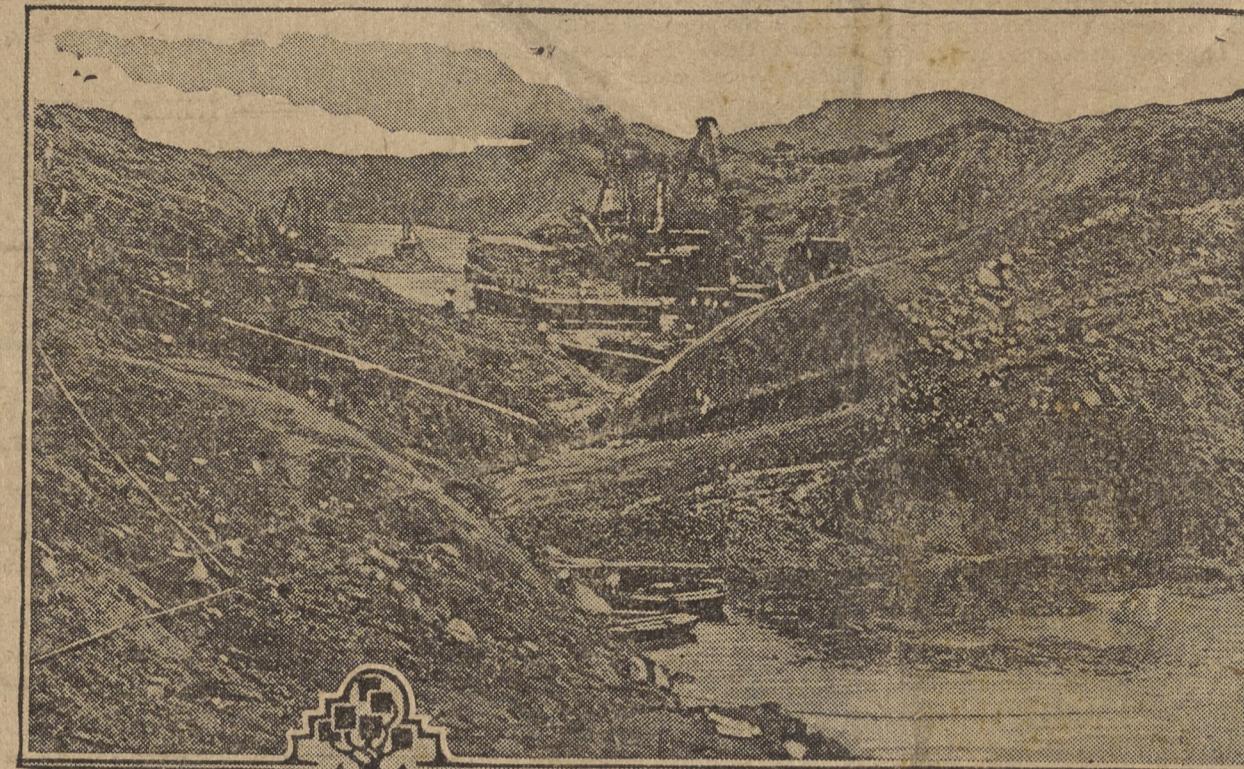
THE METHOD OF RATING PERMANENT INJURIES

The Permanent Disability Rating Department scientifically rates permanent injuries according to the nature of the injury or disfigurements, the occupation and the age. This plan enables compensation to be awarded according to loss of earning power. California is the only State possessing this method of computation.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN ADMINISTERING THE ACT

The Medical Department arranges for the examination and treatment of injured men when there are disputes as to the nature and extent of the disability. It also supplies information on all questions of medical character and assists in determining the status of injured men whenever called upon. The standards of surgical results are very high. It is more and more recognized that better surgery throughout the State diminishes dis-

PANAMA SLIDE NOW COMPLETELY BLOCKS CUT.



Striking photograph which tells better than words the effectiveness of the dirt slide blockade at Gallard cut in the Panama canal. Engineers say it will take a year to clear it away.

FEAR NILES CITIZEN HAD BEEN KIDNAPED

Niles authorities were thoroughly aroused Monday night by a rumor that a certain well known Niles man had been kidnapped.

It seems as if this particular man had always been in the habit of notifying his family before going out of town, but this evening he accepted an invitation for an auto ride from a friendly drummer, and neglected to leave word where he had gone.

When he failed to reach home at a late hour and no one could be found who knew of his whereabouts, it was feared that he had met with foul play

and the wires were kept hot in all directions in a effort to locate him.

In the midst of the excitement turned up safe and sound and wanted to know what all the trouble was about.

Guess who said "Never again!"

ELECTED DIRECTOR OAKLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mr. F. V. Jones was elected a Director of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce-Commercial Club at its meeting last Thursday evening.

The Oakland Chamber of Commerce-Commercial Club is now one of the largest and most influential civic bodies in the United States. It has done in the past great good for Oakland and Alameda County. Its future is even brighter.

This is a decided honor to Niles to have one of its citizens a Director of such a body. To Mr. Jones however is due such a position, his local civic work has very often been felt to and within the limits of the city of Oakland, and we feel very certain the city as well as the county will be honored by his efforts during his coming three years' term of office.

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SUIT POSTPONED TILL

NEXT WEEK

The application of the Water District for a temporary injunction against the Spring Valley Water Co. came up Tuesday but was again postponed till Monday, Judge Trabucco has been assigned the case.

SPRING VALLEY BUSY

Spring Valley has a bunch of water experts at work in our midst. They are at last getting busy in the fight against our District.

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Ladies Guild Holds

Their Annual Bazaar

The annual bazaar given by the ladies Guild of the Congregational Church was held last Friday afternoon and evening in the Guild rooms and Sunday School rooms of the Church and was a decided success in every way.

The rooms were prettily decorated for the occasion and attractive booths were arranged on all sides where the various articles which were to be sold were on display.

An excellent dinner was served by the ladies in the gymnasium and although the charge was made but 35c, the meal which was furnished was extremely good.

In the evening a short program was given which was greatly enjoyed, and although a drizzling rain set in, the attendance was fairly good.

CITIZENS SUBSCRIBE TO NIGHTWATCHMAN FUND

A meeting of Niles citizens was held in Jones and Ellsworth's office Wednesday night and it was agreed to employ a nightwatchman for the coming six months under the arrangement now in force.

While there were not quite enough subscriptions made to pay the salary of the watchman, it is believed that a personal canvass of the town will bring in enough subscriptions to make up the necessary amount.

F. V. Jones was elected chairman of the Nightwatchman Committee and George Rose was elected secretary.

THE CLANSMAN

DRAWS FAIR CROWD

Thos. Dixon's famous film drama "The Clansman" was shown three times in Niles last Saturday and Sunday but the weather man conspired against the management of the theatre and the attendance was not as large as was expected.

All who attended report that the picture was a wonderful one and express the hope that it will be brought back at a more favorable time.

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NOTICE TO ELECTION BOARDS

Send the returns of the election to Centerville, addressed to Chris Runckel, Secretary of the Alameda County Water District. The returns must be canvassed by the Board on Tuesday so it is advisable to send or bring them in at once.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING

The postponed meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held last Tuesday night with five members in attendance.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and approved, a number of communications were read and placed on file.

The folder Committee reported that they were awaiting bids on the printing and would probably have a more complete report to make at the next meeting.

The proprietor of "Joe's Lunch" was elected to membership and after the secretary had read the receipts since last meeting the Chamber adjourned.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, the regular meeting night and a good crowd is expected to be present as a matter of considerable importance is to be brought up.

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MEN'S LEAGUE HOLDS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Men's League was held last Sunday evening at the Congregational Church. Rev. Jones, the new Centerville pastor, was the speaker of the evening and told of his experiences in Europe at the time of the beginning of the great war.

The following committees were appointed for the 1915-1916 season.

Speakers: Hyde, Ford, Jones.

Banquets: Jacobus, Stratton, Bordon, Jones, Overacker, Fries.

Church Improvement: Ellsworth, Hyde, Moyer, Washburn, Vorhies.

Relief and Membership: Jones, Sneden, Hicks, Walker, Dassel.

Library: Moyer, Sneden, Hyde.

Heating: Oakeshott, Morgan, Ellsworth.

Social and Entertainment: Hyde, Ellsworth, C. R. Evans, Morgan, Oakley, Shorthorn, Alberg.

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ANOTHER FLOOD THIS WEEK

The heavy rain this week sent another flood down the creek. As a result of the floods already the wells are beginning to respond. As in the previous flood the bulk of the water came from the Calaveras watershed. If the Spring Valley were catching these floods the water would be sent to San Francisco and sold by the Spring Valley Water Co.

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CALL UP THE SECRETARY

The election to-morrow is in charge of the Water District. The Secretary, Chris Runckel, will be called up at the Press office, Niles, at any time Saturday for any information pertaining to the election. Call us up. Phone Niles 71.

FIRE DESTROYS HOME OF MANUEL HARVEY

Fire starting from an overheat coal-oil stove, gutted the little home of Manuel Harvey on the Niles-Irvington road Wednesday morning and nearly took the life of the infant who overturned the stove.

Mrs. Harvey had gone to the front gate to speak to the mail carrier and left the baby inside. A wall of pain from the youngster called the mother back to find the interior of the room in flames and the child's dress burning.

Her first efforts of course were to extinguish the flames on the child and by the time this was done the whole inside of the house was afire.

Quick work on the part of the neighbors and passersby resulted in the saving of much furniture and wearing apparel but the inside of the house was badly damaged.

The child received severe burns about the face and hands which are very painful but from last reports it was expected to recover.

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PARENT TEACHERS GIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT BELL

The entertainment and motion picture show which was given at the Bell Theatre last Monday by the Parent-Teachers Association did not receive the support that it deserved.

These associations are doing a wonderful work everywhere they are in existence and should receive the hearty endorsement of the community.

It is believed that the inclement weather had something to do with the poor attendance and that next time there will be a bigger crowd out.

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MOTORCYCLE COLLIDES WITH AUTOMOBILE

A collision between an automobile and a motorcycle on the boulevard two miles west of here Sunday morning resulted in serious injuries to Russel Fitton, mail clerk, 1632 Eighteenth St., Oakland. Fitton drove his motorcycle head on into an automobile when blinded by the headlights.

The occupants of the automobile whose names were not learned brought Fitton to Niles where his injuries were dressed and later to the county infirmary, where it was found that his injuries consisted of lacerations of the face, body and hands and contusions of the head.

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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Niles State Bank of Niles, California, will be held on Saturday, Jan. 8, 1916, at 2 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

CHARLES EVANS, Secretary.

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W. O. W. Dance

By C. S.

A large crowd attended the hard time dance given last Saturday evening in Connor's Hall by the Women of Woodcraft, and a merry time was enjoyed by all who attended.

The costumes worn by the dancers were of every sort, some of them undoubtedly had been rescued from the rag bag for the occasion, others showed that no effort had been spared by the wearers to appear in appropriate garb.

A grand march was held at midnight and a prize awarded to the lady and gentleman who best portrayed the spirit of the evening.

Fodder Dolan was selected as the most disreputable looking man, and Mrs. Peterson who was gaily garbed in a gown made of flour sacks was awarded the prize for ladies.

Several others who might have qualified for the prizes failed to appear in the grand march for the judges inspection.

Much merriment was created at the door as dancers sought admission and were fined for wearing too good clothing and jewelry. We learn from a reliable source that it cost Eddie Fries over \$2.00 to get in.

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In co-operation with the Mission San Jose Restoration Committee the Press will next month issue a large special edition devoted to the promotion and advancement of that most worthy object and of the country in general. Among the features of the edition will be a comprehensive resume of the work already done in the restoration of this old landmark of California, one of its most interesting, and around which clusters much of the early history of this part of the state. Several articles by well known writers who have given much thought and consideration to the restoration and historical value of the Mission will characterize the edition, which will be the first time this valuable data has ever been gathered in one publication.

Another and very important feature of the edition will be a complete write-up of the country in various towns of Washington, covering all matters of soil, climate, crops, products, development, schools, churches, societies, municipal affairs, and all those things touching upon the country which will be of interest to the prospective homeseeker or investor. The issue will be profusely illustrated with views of interest throughout the country, its principal public buildings, best country homes, business blocks, etc., and will in every way be an edition creditable to the country and the office producing it.

The work of preparing the edition will be in the hands of Mr. F. M. Harvey, a well known writer in Madison, Wis., who is a specialist in this class of work, and whose past success in other fields is a guarantee that the work will be well done.

The Press special will be the best publicity matter ever issued for the community and it is hoped to meet the cost of its publication through the sale of extra copies of the paper, which will be sold at 10 cents each, and we trust that all citizens of the township will purchase as many of them as they can use to advantage in mailing to friends and acquaintances. By this method it is expected the issue will reach all parts of the United States and present the advantages of Washington Township in the most attractive way, and with an interest to be had in no other manner. Orders for papers should be placed with this office or Mr. Harvey early, that the work may be completed as soon as possible.

In the gathering of data for the edition Mr. Harvey will call on the people of the community and we beseech for him their hearty co-operation and assistance in every way.

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NILE'S OPPORTUNITY

The people of Niles have an opportunity in this annexation election to gain the good will of the entire water district. A large and favorable vote will at once set Niles before the rest of the township in the right light. The opposition to the present Board of Directors and the unfair fight put up against them has had its source in Niles. It has come from a small but somewhat noisy faction and has created the impression that the people of Niles are not in sympathy with the rest of the township. Now is the time to remove that impression. Now is the time to show the rest of the township that the interests of Niles are linked up with its neighboring towns and that the interests of every property owner in the district will be jealously safeguarded by Niles.

Niles has a future but it is up to Niles to build that future. If it is to take a worthy place as the leading town in the township it must command the confidence and support of the people of the whole township. It is the time now to show that it can raise above the petty prejudices and factional differences which it has inherited from the past. It is the time now to win its place as a leader in whatever makes for the prosperity of the township.

Niles never had a better chance to prove itself worthy of the confidence and respect of its neighbors. Let Niles give a creditable vote in favor of standing behind Alvarado and the rest of the township and it will start a new era of good will which will do much for the town's future. It is up to the Niles voters.

VOTE FOR ANNEXATION

Don't neglect to vote "Yes" on the Alvarado annexation proposition. Because there is no fight against it you should not treat that question lightly. There is plenty of fight against the interests of the people of Washington Township. The big water corporations are fighting us at every point. The directors need the united support of the people of the district. The past three years have been years of preparation and organization on the part of our people. The coming year will see the rights of our people won or lost for all time to come. This election may have an important bearing on the fight. The moral effect of a big united vote on the part of our section should not be underestimated. Take a few minutes time to vote. Show the corporations who are trying to rob this section of millions of dollars worth of valuable rights that you are awake to your own interests. The bigger the vote the stronger the effect in Oakland where our main battles must be fought in 1916. Strengthen your own cause.

Remember that though we are small in numbers we are fortified by our rights. By uniting the entire community in defense of those rights we stand a better chance to have those rights respected.

Annexation of Alvarado will add to the strength of our union and to the strength of our district. It will also protect Alvarado. Vote "Yes".

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

Every registered voter who resides within the boundaries of the Water District is entitled to vote at this election. The polls will be open from 6 a. m. to 7 p. m. The polling places are Odd Fellows Hall, Niles, Silva's Hall, Decoto, Pioxotto Building, Centerville, Maple Hall, Irvington, Watkins Hall, Newark.

The question to be voted on reads: "Shall the ordinance for the annexation of additional territory be approved."

This means shall Alvarado be taken in as a part of the Alameda County Water District. To vote for the proposition stamp or mark an X in the square opposite the word "Yes".

It will only take about a minute to vote after you reach the polls. Do this for the sake of yourself and your neighbors.

A FOUR COLUMN NOTICE

Will Jefferis devoted four front page columns last week to Runckel and the Lake County Water District fight. We might be flattered with such a notice — if it weren't in the Register.

The Lake County Bee is a loyal servitor of the corporation interests in Lake County. We are not surprised that the Register and the Bee are in touch with each other.

ROLPH ADMINISTRATION BUTTS IN

Engineer O'Shaugnessy of San Francisco, Mayor Rolph's handy man in the effort to unload Spring Valley on the Bay City has injected himself in the suit of the Alameda County Water District to obtain a temporary injunction against the Spring Valley Water Co. This is not surprising as we have long been convinced that the Rolph administration and the Spring Valley Water Co. are identical.

Rolph and O'Shaugnessy are trying to side tract the Hetch Hetchy as a water supply until the Spring Valley properties have first been unloaded on the city. Their present aim is to develop only the Hetch Hetchy as a power plant. Then in the distant future when the Spring Valley is abolished the plan is to force the surrounding bay region to share in the building of the Hetch Hetchy water system. If successful the relief that the bay region needs from the Hetch Hetchy supply will not come for at least fifteen years. In the meantime every effort will be made to develop the Alameda Creek system to the uttermost. The rights of the people of this section are to be entirely disregarded.

Now that City Attorney Long and Mayor Rolph and Engineer O'Shaugnessy have lined themselves up with the Spring Valley in our fight the silly charge of the opponents of our district that political interests in San Francisco inspired the organization of our district is given the lie. These same interests are the ones for whom Will Jefferis worked as a moving picture artist last year in taking the pictures of the Spring Valley system.

It is just as well that Mayor Rolph and his assistants have come into the open in this question. An open foe is always easier to combat than a secret ally.

Now, citizens of Washington Township, it is up to you to stand together stronger than ever. You will have a chance in to-morrow's election to show these enemies of our section that even though we are small we are united in a common and very vital cause.

Get out and vote. Make your district stronger still. Urge your neighbors to get out too. The bigger the vote the more effective the notice to all our secret as well as open foes.

UNION WATER CO.
SCHEME COMES TO LIGHT

Agreement Made in 1912 Recorded Last Month Shows Plans of Company

The Union Water Co., a subsidiary corporation of the United Properties Co., has again attracted attention to the scheme which alarmed our people some three years ago. The plans of that company have been supposed to be dead and the danger of development of another water supply at Newark has been considered to be past. That the company has not entirely given up its hope to realize a water supply in our section is shown by the recording of an agreement on Nov. 23, 1915, less than a month ago. This agreement was made on Mar. 20, 1912, and the nature of the agreement reveals the scheme which the company at that time had in mind. That the Union Water Co. has entertained hopes to profit by that agreement has been confirmed by the recent recording of the instrument. That the company has been endeavoring to raise the money in order to hold the lands which it purchased at that time has been known for several weeks past. The failure to raise the money is probably the only thing that has prevented it from making secure its hold upon the lands purchased at that time.

Agreement Between United Properties Co. and the Union Water Co.

According to the agreement the Union Water Co. has the right to select from the lands known as the Newark Tract containing 2300 acres of land, the Hall Ranch 305 acres, the Stevenson Ranch 900 acres, such parcels thereof not to exceed 100 acres for sites upon which to drill water wells and maintain pumping stations and reservoirs and to maintain and use roads necessary for the business of the Union Water Co., etc. The agreement gives the Union Water Co. the right to the waters which are under all of aforesaid lands. Also two tracts of 6.22 acres each and another of 5.83 acres in the Walker tract (old Carter place) and also about 60 acres in the West Valley tract between Newark and Alvarado.

When the Union Water Co. began to acquire these properties some four years ago it had plans for developing a water supply for Oakland and the other East Bay cities and had signed up quite a number of contracts in those cities. Quite a number of wells have been bored by the company in the Newark section but no attempt has been made to develop the supply.

The filing of the agreement at this late date has given rise to various rumors that it was endeavoring to unload its water bearing properties. The time for the redemption of the Stevenson property has passed and from all indications the company has not succeeded in raising the necessary money to secure the foothold which it had hoped to gain in the township.

The danger that threatened the township by the plans of this company some four years ago was called to the attention of the people by the Press at that time and the recent filing of the agreement proves that we were right as to the intentions of the company at that time. It also shows that so long as there is a chance to revive this scheme it will be well for the people to keep an eye on this phase of our local water supply situation.

The annexation of the Alvarado section to our water district will have an important bearing upon any new schemes for pumping and diverting water from the township and there should be no question as to what our people should do in voting on the annexation of the Alvarado territory.

TO THE WOMEN

Your best interests are at stake in this water fight. We men are willing to bear the brunt of the fight but we need your moral support, your votes. Vote Yes tomorrow and add Alvarado to our district before another attempt is made to grab that section by the Peoples Water Co. politicians.

HOW TO VOTE

Shall the ordinance for the annexation of additional territory be approved? Put your stamp opposite the word, "Yes".

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A Word About the
Election Tomorrow

The election called in our Water District and in the proposed Alvarado addition for Saturday December 18th, is another mile-post on our road to success in the protection of our farms and homes. If the voters turn out in good strength and register what I know to be their sentiments on the matter, with an overwhelmingly favorable vote for the annexation it will be a great help to the Directors who are carrying on this fight for the people. If on the other hand the people show indifference and negligence in this matter it will be argued that they have lost interest and it will renew the hope of the great corporations that wish to steal more water from us that we are about to go to sleep again, and they will have another period like that previous to the organization of the first water committee, when there was no organized public interest and they could get what they wanted by a comparatively easy fight against individual land owners.

The old fight, thousands of years old, yes as old as the world, nearly has been won in the same way by the great single interests against the many small interests. The king had to play one interest against another to divide and conquer the nobles, or the people. One set against another. The water robbers have tried that on us men since the district was organized but it did not work and we know the traitors pretty well now.

Another way is through the confident trust that sooner or later the people will go to sleep on their interests. That they will lose hope of success, and get tired of the whole matter. A man lives but a few years and his interests or residence may change many times in those few years, but a great corporation is practically endless (as well as conscienceless) and it has but few interests and those are in the main unchanged by the passing of time. Of course the main interest is the making of money for the stockholders and officials but these water companies to do this must get water and water rights,

and the early officials of the "Spring Valley Water Works" as it was then called, laid plans to seize the water resources of this valley long before most of the present residents of the valley were born, and these plans were carried forward with absolute success as occasion demanded, step by step, up to the time of the organization of the first Water Committee.

The abandonment of the plan to pump water from the gravel beds near Centerville was the first and only check or change in the progressive robbery to that date but it will not be the last if the people will hold together and keep awake to their own interests, and as a matter of fact the people have won in everything since that date.

A word as to the present status of the legal fight that the Directors of our Water District are making for the rights of our land owners and citizens. The main injunction suit has been delayed from time to time by various legal quirks and tricks of the Spring Valley attorneys. Patience on our part at last ceased to be a virtue and we have asked for a temporary and immediate injunction on the taking of the water while the main suit is pending. Even this suit has been subject to the same tactics but will come to a settlement in a few days, in spite of all they can do.

The desperate fight for delay on the part of our opponents and the fact that their answer to our original complaint is in the main weak and easily confuted by data already in our possession is on the whole encouraging. Our case on the legal and engineering side is in splendid shape and so far as the Directors can see, law and precedent is with us and we have every expectation of forcing the main trial soon and winning back the rights of our people, or at any rate protecting them from further aggressions.

What the people of the valley can do at this immediate time to strengthen the hands of their Directors and help in the fight for their own rights is to vote. Vote early and then see during the day how many of your friends and neighbors you can get out to vote.

J. C. SHINN,
President of Board of
Directors, Alameda
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You all know SCOTT. He offers his entire stock of Harness, Robes, Whips, Shoes, and Leather Goods to the Buying Public at

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Must reduce stock before Christmas stock-taking. Amongst the many bargains are a number of sets of Scott's own make harness, famous through all Washington township as being the strongest and best ever offered for sale at any harness shop.

COME EARLY AND TAKE YOUR CHOICE FROM THE LARGEST STOCK OF LEATHER GOODS EVER ACCUMULATED IN THIS DISTRICT

\$5.00 Shoes \$3.65

This is your chance to get the famous Nap-A-Tan Shoes for less than you pay for inferior grades.

REGULAR	NOW
\$4.00 Heavy Work Shoes (Solid Leather)	\$3.45
\$8.50 16-inch Top Boots	\$6.75
\$7.50 14-inch Top Boots	\$6.25
\$5.00 Stormproof Shoes	\$3.65
\$4.00 Shoes, Button or Lace	\$3.25
\$3.50 Shoes, Button or Lace	\$2.95
\$4.00 Tan Button Shoes	\$3.00
\$3.50 Work Shoes	\$2.75

Boys' Dress Shoes

\$2.00 Shoes, sizes 9 to 13 1/2	\$1.60
\$2.25 Shoes, sizes 1 to 2	\$1.85
\$2.50 Shoes, sizes 2 1/2 to 6	\$1.95
\$3.00 Boys' Waterproof School Shoes	\$2.50
\$2.65 Boys' Waterproof School Shoes	\$2.20

A Special NAP-A-TAN Black Shoe FOR SCHOOL BOYS

\$3.00 Regular Price, now only	\$2.35
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Boy Scout Shoes

AT LESS THAN COST

\$1.95 Shoes, sizes 9 to 13 1/2, only	\$1.50
\$2.35 Shoes, sizes 1 to 5 1/2, only	\$1.90

GLOVES

\$1.50 Horsehide	\$1.35
\$1.00 Assorted	75c
\$1.50 Lineman's	\$1.35
50c Gloves, now	40c
\$1.25 Fur Top, Wool Lined	85c
Odd lots of Gloves, values from 75c to \$2.00, now only	60c

Body Belts

Boys' sizes	15c and 20c
Men's sizes	25c and 35c
Initial Belts, Regular Value 75c, Sale Price	45c

Whips

25c	Whips	25c
25c. Value, now	15c	
50c Value, now	35c	
75c Value, now	50c	
\$1.00 Value, now	75c	
\$1.50 Value, now	\$1.00	
Special Whip offer opening day—A WHIP GRAB BOX—any Whip in the house		

25c

Robes

\$3.75	Robes	\$2.00
Prices Cut to Pieces		
\$6.00, Plush		\$4.25
\$5.00, Plush		\$3.50
\$4.50, Plush		3.00
And lots of others from \$2.00 up		

Halters Reduced to \$1.45

\$2.50 Strong and Large	\$2.00
\$2.25 Strong and Large	\$1.90
\$2.00 Strong and Large	\$1.75
\$1.75 Strong and Large	\$1.45
ALSO COLT HALTERS, ALL SIZES, CHEAP	

Horse Blankets

\$1.90 Burlap, full lined, a Strong, Warm Blanket	\$1.55
\$2.00 Brown Canvas, full lined	\$1.65

BITS ARE YOURS FOR LESS THAN ONE HALF REGULAR PRICES.

J. I. C. BITS - - - - 15c

Sweat Pads

50c Yellow	40c
90c Deerhair, open or closed top	75c
Open or closed top.	

40c value, now only 25c

Breast straps and all harness parts PRICES CUT IN HALF.

Team Harness

\$22.25	Team Harness	\$22.25
Good strong Chain Harness, Regular Price \$25.00		
Now only		\$22.25
2 1/2 solid, single leather one piece Tugs, Bridles and Lines to match.		
\$35.00 Regular Price, now only		\$32.75
\$40.00 Regular Price, now only		\$34.80
\$42.50 Regular Price now only		\$37.90

Buggy Harness \$12.00

\$17.00 Buggy Harness \$12.00	Made of California leather of the best grade only.
\$26.00 Heavy, only	\$21.15
\$23.50 Heavy, only	\$19.75
\$22.00 Medium, only	\$18.75
\$20.00 Medium, only	\$16.50
And others from \$12.00 up.	

Collars now \$4.75

Have gone down at this sale only. At every other place the price is going up.

\$5.75 BOSTON TEAM	\$4.75
\$6.75 BOSTON TEAM	\$4.95

Brass Pipe Collars

REGULAR	NOW
\$8.60 to \$10.00	\$7.95

Cheaper than they will ever be offered again.

35c Hame Straps	now 25c
35c Hame Straps, 1-inch, best leather	25c
Chain Hame Fasteners	15c

BUCKLES, SNAPS and SPREADER RINGS AT THE CHEAPEST PRICES EVER OFFERED

PURSES, BELTS, POCKET BOOKS AND LOTS OF OTHER GOODS
TOO NUMEROUS TO LIST, FOR LESS THAN COST

Everything is good, clean stock, just as I always carry. I have NO JUNK to offer my patrons.

Ask those who have bought my goods before, what my stock is like, and you will find they all boast for SCOTT'S QUALITY LEATHER GOODS.

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ONLY 7 DAYS MORE

AT NILES

HINTS FOR THE BUSY HOUSEWIFE

Clothes Prop That Securely Hooks to the Rope.



A clothes prop which will not desert its job and allow the clean clothes to drop to the ground under the influence of a passing breeze has been recently invented by a Connecticut genius. Instead of the usual forked end made to receive the clothesline, the new prop has a round aperture near the end with a slot leading downward from it to the edge of the prop. A finger of spring metal guards this slot so that when the rope has been slipped by it into position for supporting the line it cannot become freed accidentally, but when it is desired to take the prop off the line it may be readily done by pressing the metal down with the finger and allowing the rope to pass through the slot.

Cider Mincemeat.

Mix together three pints of pared and chopped apples and three pints of chopped green tomatoes (peeled). Let stand for four hours and drain thoroughly; then add four cupfuls of brown sugar, half a cupful of vinegar, a large cupful of boiled cider, three cupfuls of seeded raisins, three teaspoonsful of ground cinnamon, half a teaspoonful of ground cloves, two teaspoonsfuls of salt and three-quarters of a teaspoonsful each of ground mace and allspice. Place the ingredients when well mixed in a preserving kettle, bring slowly to the boil and simmer for two hours. Add three-quarters of a cupful of butter, stir until it is dissolved and turn into glass preserving jars.

Mulled Cider.

This old fashioned beverage was a decided favorite in colonial days. It is an excellent mild tonic and warms to break up a cold if sipped boiling hot just before retiring. Beat three eggs well and add just enough sugar to tone down the slight acidity of the cider that is to be used. Boil one quart of cider for five minutes, then pour it slowly upon the eggs and stir briskly. Return to the saucepan, heat again almost to the boiling point, pour into thick glasses and dust the tops with grated nutmeg.

SCIENCE—INVENTION.

Survey of Middle West.

A piece of work recently done by the United States coast and geodetic survey which is of special interest and value to the general public is the preparation of a "surveying backbone" for the middle west. This is an extensive, accurate survey which within its area will serve as a basis of all surveying and mapping. The survey of your own property may probably depend upon this backbone for a starting point. Even on your own land itself may be one of the many hundred permanently marked stations of this survey, point which engineers might use to determine the location on the earth of your farm or your neighbor's. This triangulation extends across the states of Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia, and the results, now available in published form, in special publication No. 30, give descriptions and the accurate latitudes and longitudes of all these points within this area. The book may be procured free of charge by addressing division of publications, department of commerce.

Remember the date of the Alvarado Annexation election, Saturday, Dec. 18, 1915. Vote Yes and make the union of the township complete. Urge your neighbors to vote also. The bigger the vote the more force it will have on those who are seeking to rob this section of its water supply.

On step won't take you very far, —you've got to keep on walking. One word won't tell folks who you are, —you've got to keep on talking. One inch won't make you very tall, —you've got to keep on growing. One little "ad" won't do it all, —you've got to keep them going.

BELGIUM'S MILITARY GOVERNOR INSPECTS ART.



Photo by American Press Association.

General von Bissing, the German governor of Belgium, reopens the famous art museum in Brussels closed for over a year. The bust and work of M. Meunier, Belgium's favorite sculptor, are in the background.

THE PEOPLES PULPIT

BY JAMES CURRY, D.D.

The editor of the Press has opened up its columns for communications on the subject of morals and religion.

This is a just and liberal policy in accordance with that of the leading periodicals of our times in which he should have the support of the whole community.

In introducing this subject, I wish to present briefly some features of the purpose and work of the church that are for the highest welfare of men. This is in brief to carry out the program of Christ as set forth by Himself in His first discourse in the synagogue at Nazareth, and recorded in Luke iv, 16-19. This was to minister to the needs of men through the preaching of the gospel and by works of mercy and helpfulness. This purpose embraces the three-fold nature of man; namely, the physical, intellectual and the spiritual. It is to relieve man as much as possible from the infirmities and miseries of life, to develop all his powers, to ennoble his character, and thus fit him for the noblest sphere, the greatest usefulness and the truest happiness for time and for eternity.

The church was instituted as the principal agency for carrying out this purpose and is seeking earnestly to accomplish it. The Bible is its text book, and this teaches us to care for our bodies. We are not to defile them in any way, but in eating and drinking are to abstain altogether from what is injurious and use with moderation that which is good; to avoid all excesses in the indulgence of our passions; and to develop such bodily exercises as will develop our physical powers and thus fit one in the best way for service as an athlete, a soldier, or laborer in all useful vocations.

The church seeks also to promote man's intellectual welfare. The Bible declares that "all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hid in Christ". He taught the most important and valuable truths the world has ever received. Daniel Webster said that the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount were such as to convince him that Jesus Christ was more than mere man. Christ planted the truths of the gospel in the hearts of a few men when He was on earth, and commanded them to go into all the world and preach this gospel to every creature. This they began at once to do, and the Church has been carrying on this work ever since. As to results it has been said that in a few centuries these teachings "lifted empires off their hinges and turned the stream of the centuries out of their channels."

Wherever the gospel has gone it has stimulated intellectual activity, led to the increase of knowledge in all departments of learning, and so saturated our best literature with its content and spirit that to remove the gospel from them would be to destroy much of the very best we have. And today the men who are commanding the attention of the world in the realm of thought and influence are nearly all men who have come under the spell of the teachings of "The man of Galilee".

The purpose of Jesus Christ was to aid men spiritually, to save them from sin and its effects, and for this the Church ever works. This is to love God supremely and serve Him with a pure heart, to turn away from sin and seek to rise to the perfect man in character, and to be as useful as possible to others in endeavoring to lead them to deal with their fellow-men according to the Golden Rule, to live in the fear of God, and thus to gain at least eternal life.

These are the most important objects in life. For these the church is striving constantly in its services of the worship of God, the preaching of the gospel, teaching in Sabbath Schools, and the work of young people societies and missionary and work are of vital importance to every other organization. It is the purpose, and the only one devoted earnestly and exclusively to it. Its presence and community, and should be faithfully sustained by the earnest cooperation, generous financial support, attendance upon its services and the prayers of all the people.

VOTE "YES" TOMORROW AND ADD ALVARADO TO OUR DEFENSE UNION. OUR ENEMIES ARE STRONG AND WE NEED EVERY BIT OF STRENGTH IN ORDER TO PROTECT OUR RIGHTS.

SUNDAY SERVICES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Sunday, December 19, 1915.

10 A. M. Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. Preaching Service:
"The Birth of Jesus."
7:00 p. m. Intermediate Christian Endeavor, Miss Tomford, Leader.

7:45—Informal Service, with the first of a series of character studies, "Adam."

—CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH
Niles, Cal.

Mass at 9:30 a. m. each Sunday. During the month of October services will be held at 7:30 p. m., Rosary sermon and Benediction.

Decoto.
Mass at 11:00 a. m.

—HOLY GHOST CATHOLIC CHURCH
Centerville.

Father A. M. Souza, pastor.
Father S. F. Baron, asst. pastor.
Mass daily at 7:00 and 7:30 a. m.
Sunday—Mass at 8 a. m. and 10:50 a. m. Benediction and sermon at 7:30

—Newark Presbyterian Church
James Curry, D.D., Pastor.
Preaching services at 11 and 7:45 o'clock Christian Endeavor meeting
7 P. M. Sabbath School 9:45 A. M.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday 7:30 P. M.
Ladies Aid first and third Wednesday afternoon each month, Missionary Society last Fridays at 2:30 P. M.

All Ready For Initial Dance

Judging from the large sale of tickets, the young ladies of Holy Ghost church, Centerville, are sure to make their initial dance a big success.

Several surprises are in store for those who attend. There will be an entertainment, composed chiefly of local talent. The tickets are, for gentlemen, 50c, for ladies, 25c. Go where the crowd goes if you want to enjoy yourself and meet all your friends. The hall will be beautifully decorated for the occasion, and plenty of room for all.

The following named young ladies are members of the sodality, and they will see that everyone is treated courteously and well:

Mamie Alameda, Lena Altmeda, Louise Alameda, Louise Bettencourt, Delphina Bettencourt, Mary Bettencourt, Lena Bettencourt, Anna J. Cordosa, Carmen Calhoun, Elva Calhoun, Isabella Cunha, Mary A. Cabell, Rosida Cordosa, Alice Dias, Addie Dias, Anna Duarte, Alice Duarte, Elizabeth Dusterbery, Leonora Duarte, Mamie Dias, Minnie Duarte, Aldina Enos, Dorothy Enos, Jeanette Enos, Mary Ferry, Rose Ferry, Adeline Garcia, Edith Gomes, Isabelle Garcia, Louise Gularde, Mary Garcia, Mary Gularde, Philomena Garcia, Rose Garcia, Viola Gomez, Carrie Lewia, Cecilia Luna, Mary Lewis, Augustino Melo, Alvina Moore, Melba Moore, Clara Marshall, Mariana Mattos, Lucille Norris, Carrie Oliveria, Erma Oliveria, Mathilda Oliveria, Rochel Oliveria, Della Perry, Ignes Perry, Theresa Pexiotti, Virginia Perry, Adina Rogers, Clara Rose, Helen Rose, Louise Rose, Ida Rogers, Anna Soito, Alice Sora, Mento, Catherine Silva, Ignes Silva, Aileen Serpa, Mary A. Silva, Florine Silva, Anna Vargas, Erma Vargas, Olivia Vargas, Belle Valencia, Marian Valencia, Alfreda White, Mary Secada, Nina Jasper, Caroline Roderick, Mary Faria, Mamie Barge, Laura Barge, Mamie Amaral, Maud Pereira.

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